

Amendment to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph [0026] beginning at page 8 with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0026] For example, it may be determined that a thunderstorm is approaching and therefore has a weather characteristic of lightning, high winds and/or hail. A determination is then made of at least one device of a plurality of devices which is susceptible to determined characteristic 306. In the instance of lightening, for example, a modem may be determined as susceptible to both lightening strikes of ~~telephones~~ telephone lines and power lines, and therefore may be more susceptible to lightening than a game console connected through a power system of a receiver. Susceptibility of devices may be stored in a database which is accessible by the system of the present invention. The susceptibility of devices may be stored in the ~~data~~ database and include such information as to which weather characteristics the devices are susceptible, such as based on connection, location, and the like, and be arranged in a hierarchical format based on these characteristics for efficient searching.